

Serial No. 09/763,777
Group Art Unit No.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Preliminary Amendment into the record of the above-captioned application.

IN THE BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

At page 3, line 25, please delete "H-Gly-Pro-Arg-OH" and insert --H-Gly-Pro-Arg-OH (SEQ ID NO:1)-- in place thereof.

At page 3, line 30, please delete "H-Gly-Pro-Arg-Pro-OH" and insert --H-Gly-Pro-Arg-Pro-OH (SEQ ID NO:2)-- in place thereof.

At page 3, line 33, please delete "H-Gly-Pro-Arg-Pro-Pro-OH" and insert -- H-Gly-Pro-Arg-Pro-Pro-OH (SEQ ID NO:3)-- in place thereof.

IN THE DEFINITIONS:

At page 4, line 14, please delete "Gly-Pro-Arg-Pro-Pro-Ana-Gly-Gly-(D)-Ala-Gly" and insert --Gly-Pro-Arg-Pro-Pro-Aba-Gly-Gly-(D)-Ala-Gly-- in place thereof.

At page 4, line 15, please delete "(SEQ ID NO:1)" and insert --(SEQ ID NO:5)-- in place thereof.

IN THE DETAILED DESCRIPTION:

At page 6, line 19, please delete "Gly-(D)-Ala-Gly-Gly-" and insert --Gly-(D)-Ala-Gly-Gly (SEQ ID NO:4)-- in place thereof.

At page 6, line 24, please delete "(4-aminobutyric acid)" and insert --((D)-4-aminobutyric acid)-- in place thereof.

At page 6, line 30, please delete "Gly-Pro-Arg-Pro-Pro-Aba-Gly-Gly-(D) Ala-Gly" and insert --Gly-Pro-Arg-Pro-Pro-Aba-Gly-Gly-(D) Ala-Gly (SEQ ID NO:5)-- in place thereof.

At page 17, line 23, please delete "H-Gly-Pro-Arg-OH" and insert --H-Gly-Pro-Arg-OH (SEQ ID NO:1)-- in place thereof.

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At page 17, line 26, please delete "H-Gly-Pro-Arg-Pro-OH" and insert --H-Gly-Pro-Arg-Pro-OH (SEQ ID NO:2)-- in place thereof.

At page 17, line 31, please delete "H-Gly-Pro-Arg-Pro-Pro-OH" and insert -- H-Gly-Pro-Arg-Pro-Pro-OH (SEQ ID NO:3)-- in place thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Amended). A composition having formula I or II:



wherein:

X₁ is from zero to twenty natural or synthetic amino acids;

P is a peptide comprising Gly Pro Arg (SEQ ID NO: [2] 1), or an analog or fragment thereof;

X₂ is from zero to twenty natural or synthetic amino acids;

Z is a linker comprising one or more natural or synthetic amino acids; and

M is a radiolabeling moiety comprised of a chelating moiety capable of complexing with a selected radionuclide.

Claim 6 (Amended). The composition according to Claim 1, wherein M comprises Gly -(D)-Ala-Gly-Gly (SEQ ID NO: [3] 4) as a chelating moiety for a radionuclide.

These amendments to the specification and claims are merely clarifications or corrections of obvious typographical errors. No new matter is added by these amendments.